

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

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Mr. Lon Lester, Bennettsville Downtown Association – had various members of the Bennettsville Downtown Association with him (Mr. Bill Kinney, Mr. Ken Harmon, Ms. Sharon Rowe, Mr. Charles Midgley) to address council regarding the proposed purchase of the Winn Dixie by Marlboro County. Mr. Lester expressed their opposition to the proposed purchase and stated the City of Bennettsville needed government as an integral part of downtown. He stated that the offices moving out of the downtown area would lose the mom and pop services offered. Mr. Lester stated that when Industries look at government offices, if they are shabby and run down, they will not come here. He stated his organization received two million dollars of state money to revitalize downtown. He asked council to consider taxes that will be lost if the administration building is relocated. He said that if they spend state funds on

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revitalizing the downtown area and the county offices move out, this will send a strong message to the state.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

Dr. Prince asked to correct page seven, the last sentence of her comments under Recognition of Council Members to reflect “Dr. Prince also stated the Sandhill’s Community needed a recreation program.” The minutes were corrected.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008 as amended. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator requested a correction to page two, Precision Contractors, Inc. bid, last sentence to state “ Mr. Kimrey with advice recommended acceptance of the proposal submitted by Precision Contractors, Inc.” The minutes were corrected.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the minutes of November 24, 2008 as amended. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & CONTRACTUAL ISSUE

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel & contractual issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 610A – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 610 ADOPTED JULY 13, 2006 RE-ESTABLISHING AND RENAMING THE MARLBORO COUNTY COMMISSION ON PARKS AND RECREATION AND INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLARIFICATION OF THE

AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO RENAME THE COMMISSION. – SECOND READING

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 610A – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance # 610A adopted July 13, 2006 and re-establishing and renaming the Marlboro County Commission on Parks and Recreation and including, but not limited to, clarification of the authority and duties of the Commission, and to rename the Commission. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 650 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MARLBORO COUNTY AND DEEMING ORDINANCE # 437 NULL AND VOID. – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince requested the language under Bid Process be amended to include checking references.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers, to amend the language of the bid Process to include checking references. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 650 as amended – An Ordinance amending the purchasing policies and procedures for Marlboro County and deeming Ordinance # 437 null & void. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT / FIRE CO-ORDINATOR VEHICLES

Council tabled the decision on the vehicles at the November 24, 2008 after requesting Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator review his records for gas mileage Council had previously set for new purchases on vehicles. Mr. Kimrey advised he thought the amount was 22 miles per gallon, but, he would recheck his records. Mr. Kimrey rechecked and found that Council had previously set a requirement of at least 22 miles per gallon for new purchases. Staff contacted the dealerships under state contract and requested the expected gas mileage for the vehicles which include: **2009 Chevrolet Impala** (14-20mpg city, 19-29mpg highway), **2009 Crown Vic** (14mpg city, 21mpg highway), **2009 Durango** (14mpg city, 19mpg highway) and **2009 Dodge Charger** (16mpg city, 25 mpg highway). Sheriff Knight requested the purchase of (1) Dodge Charger and (3) Dodge Durango's. Mr. Kimrey advised the cost to operate each vehicle. He advised the grant was \$100,000 total (\$80,000 for Sheriff and \$20,000 for fire coordinator) and some of the funds for the fire coordinator could be transferred to the sheriff vehicles if necessary. Council members were agreeable to the Sheriff's request and for purchasing a ford ranger truck for the fire coordinator.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to accept the Sheriff's recommendation for vehicle purchases and one ford ranger for the Fire Coordinator. The balance of funds will be used for equipment. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF SHERIFF/MAGISTRATE COMPLEX

Sheriff Fred Knight was recognized by Council. Sheriff Knight stated he was satisfied with the decisions for the complex and thanked Council for the new building. He said there were a couple changes to be made and was ready to move forward. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised plans are to proceed with construction as soon as possible. The contractor will be on site shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FY 2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the FY 2009 Holiday Schedule. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 651 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN DARLINGTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

The amendment is to include Nucor Corporation into the business park.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 651 – An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a Multi-County Industrial and Business Park by and between Darlington County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park so as to include additional property in Darlington County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER – HONEYSUCKLE LANE

A change order in the amount of \$31,873.70 was presented from Furr Grading & Paving, Inc. for Honeysuckle Lane. Ms. Sandy Watford, Engineer for Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments recommended approval of the change order. The

purpose of the change order was due to underlying “muck” material on the eastern half of the road, and septic tank drain-fill lines were found in the road right-of-way. The roadway centerline was moved eight feet to the west to avoid moving the drain-fill lines and to avoid many of the unsuitable areas under the proposed roadbed. However, this contributed to stormwater issues on the west side. Therefore, the profile had to be adjusted, a valley gutter added and a yard swale constructed. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised they had to proceed so the citizens could access their properties.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers, to approve the Change Order in the amount of \$31,873.70 for Furr Grading & Paving, Inc. for the Honeysuckle Lane project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-08-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND PROGRESS ENERGY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXPANSION OF THE WATER SYSTEM AND ACCEPTING \$35,000 FROM PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINA FOR THE SYSTEM.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to Resolution # 12-08-01 – A Resolution approving the partnership between Marlboro County and Progress Energy for infrastructure for expansion of the water system and accepting \$35,000 from Progress Energy Carolina for the system. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DENNIS PORZIO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, approving the Proclamation acknowledging the contributions of Dennis Porzio to Marlboro County Economic Development. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS

JENNINGS-BROWN HOUSE ROOF: Bids received were: Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, Sumter, SC - \$63,450.00, Branham Home Repair LLC, Columbia, SC - \$45,718.00, South Coast Exteriors - \$36,955.00, RWN Roofing & Sheet Metal, Summerton, SC - \$52,860.00 and R G Construction, McColl, SC - \$51,400.00. The lowest bid was from South Coast Exteriors in the amount of \$36,955.00. With approval by S.C. History & Archives approval, staff recommended acceptance of the lowest bid from South Coast Exteriors.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to award the bid for the Jennings-Brown House Roof to the lowest bidder: South Coast Exteriors. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to appoint Mr. Tommy Parker to the Marlboro County Economic Development Board. Vote in favor: Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Anthony Woods, Mr. Ken Allen, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Ms. Jean Wallace McLean. Abstain: Ms. Mickey Rogers and Mr. Jeff Quick. Vote: 6/0/2. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick, to appoint Ms. Gwen Moses to the Marlboro County Historical Preservation Commission Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to appoint Ms. Linda Angel to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to appoint Ms. Earline Little to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Mr. L.C. English to the Marlboro County Economic Development Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Mickey Rogers, Recreation – advised she thought the recreation department had completed basketball signups.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Anniversary Dates - Employee anniversary dates were recognized through November with at least five years of service: Billy Cheek, Brittany English, Carey Hubbard, Timothy McDuffie, Kenneth McLain and Willard Wallace.

Fire Departments – there has never been a policy for paying fire departments. The Administrator recommended paying 50% in January and 50 % in April to help the Fire Departments meet their financial needs.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add an item to the agenda regarding the policy for paying fire departments. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving the Administrator's request for paying 50% in January and 50% in April of the Fire Departments allocations. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Solid Waste – Draft should be available by the January Council Meeting per Alliance.

Expenditures – were at 42% of the budgeted amounts through the end of November. Revenues were at 17% through October. Much of the revenue comes from taxes which are paid mainly in December and January.

Highway 385 – an update was provided for the waterline extension (CDBG). The Project Span application will have to be refiled because certain criteria has not been met.

Victim Advocate – pay range was changed due to job requirement changes.

Fire Study – the ISO study should be completed by the end of January.

Progress Energy Grant – with the grant there may be enough funds to complete the connection between Wallace Water and Marlboro Water on 912. The Administrator requested permission to execute the change order for Wallace Water if funds are available. The change order will be approximately \$122,000.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to add an item to the agenda regarding the Administrator's request for permission to execute the change order for Wallace Water. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick authorizing the County Administrator permission to execute the change order for Wallace Water if funds are available. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Stimulus Package – will be available for water, sewer, county and municipal governments. Projects must be submitted by December 15, 2008. Various recommendations were made by which included: Winn Dixie Building, Clio Sewage, Marshall Street/By-Pass intersection, McColl water, etc.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned the negative balance for Emergency Preparedness under the Special Funds. Mr. Kimrey advised these are grant funds which are reimbursable.

Dr. Prince also requested the county have someone on the library site and Sheriff project site on a regular basis to monitor the progress and make bi-weekly reports to council. She recommended Mr. Bob Eskridge. Dr. Prince stated that council needed

eyes and ears to advise of any possible problems. The county does not need any construction problems. All council members were agreeable.

Mr. Kimrey advised there is a meeting concerning the library site every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Northeastern Tech building with the contractors, architects, and sometimes sub-contractors for briefings. He advised all council members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Ken Allen – wished Ms. Mickey Rogers and Mr. Jeff Quick well and advised Council would miss them.

Mr. Jeff Quick – wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated that council had always been money conscious and done well. He hoped they would continue to do so. He said council had made progress during his years of service even though there were problems. He asked them to keep up the good work.

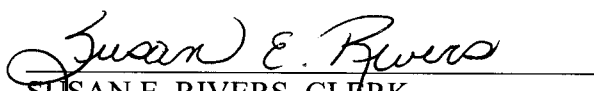
ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

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CHAIR
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:


SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: January 13, 2009